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WAXMAN WARNS OF PLAN TO OUST ISRAEL FROM THE U.N.: PROPOSES CUTS IN U.S. FUNDING

According to Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D-Los Angeles) the current session of the United Nations General Assembly will probably be marked by a "serious and well-planned effort to drive Israel from the international body."

Waxman bluntly stated that he and other Members of Congress would move immediately to consider reduction or elimination of American financial contributions to the U.N. were Israel ousted from the General Assembly. The U.N. and all its agencies depend very heavily on the United States for financial support.

Waxman said he thought the Arabs had a fairly good chance of succeeding unless the United States immediately started a full-fledged effort to protect Israel's rights in the world body.

"We must be certain that the United States does not cast any vote by "mistake" and does not acquiesce with an abstention when a veto is called for. The fight over Israel will be more a test of American power and diplomacy than of Israel's own world standing.

"The Arabs know that in vote after vote a substantial majority of U.N. members expressed open hostility towards Israel. They see the coalition of Arabs, Communist countries and Third World nations voting to oust Israel just as they voted a few years ago to declare Zionism as equivalent to racism. The Arabs were undoubtedly encouraged by the success they had in turning the U.N. Conference on a "Decade for Women" into an anti-Israel and anti-Semitic hate orgy."

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Despite the fact that the United Nations and its subsidiary organs and agencies have been extremely anti Israel, Waxman believes it is imperative for the beleaguered nation to retain its General Assembly membership.

He said,

"True, Israel has benefited little from its U.N. membership. Nevertheless, there is real value in Israel's ability to have its representatives present Israel's case to the world at highly publicized U.N. sessions. The last thing Israel needs now is to be further isolated from the community of nations."

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